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Odor Problems Elsewhere for Owners of Bridgeton Landfill

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ST. LOUIS – (KMOX) – This week's lawsuit filed by the state of Missouri against a company that owns a burning Bridgeton landfill is not the first time the firm has had environmental trouble.

Republic Services Inc., owners of the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill, ranked near the bottom of a 2009 Newsweek list of 500 major corporations for their track record on environmental issues — and 46th of 50 in their industry. Republic has paid some hefty fines in the past to answer complaints about environmental problems:

****In 2007, Republic was fined \$725,000 by the state of California due to the risk of hazardous waste leaking from a closed landfill into San Francisco Bay.**

****In 2008, Republic agreed to pay a \$1 million fine and up to \$36 million in remediation costs for violations of the Clean Water Act at a closed landfill in Clark County, Nevada.**

****In 2009, Republic was hit with 10 million dollars in penalties after a subsurface fire created strong odors at one of its Ohio landfills.**

****In 2010, Republic was ordered to pay a \$650,000 fine for odor problems with a landfill in Findlay Township, Pennsylvania.**

****In 2012, Republic shared \$1.5 million fine with the Maricopa County, Arizona for a lack of air quality reports at a Republic landfill there.**

****In 2012, Republic was ordered to pay \$2.3 million in damages to six neighbors who claimed odors from a Republic landfill in Lee County, South Carolina was ruining the enjoyment of their property.**

Republic Services Inc. declined to comment on their landfill track record. Republic owns more than 200 landfills in 40 states and Puerto Rico, many of them — including the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill — already brimming with garbage when it acquired Allied Waste in 2008.